

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Maurizio Marchini et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 1791
Application No.: 10/579,561)
) Examiner: Martin K. Rogers
Filed: March 2, 2007)
) Confirmation No.: 8384
For: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A)
TYRE AND TOROIDAL SUPPORT FOR) **VIA EFS WEB**
CARRYING OUT SAID PROCESS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed May 19, 2010, the period for response having been extended to October 19, 2010, by a request for extension of four months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, the Examiner requires an election between the following groups under PCT Rule 13.1:

Group 1, claim(s) 48-69, drawn to a method for curing a green tire.

Group 2, claim(s) 70-94, drawn to an apparatus for curing a tire.

Office Action at 2.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. However, to be fully responsive, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, comprising at least claims 48-69.